

2. Project Summary

Provide a summary (one-page maximum) that describes key elements of the project and states the total project cost.

Community Services & Employment Training (CSET) applied for and received \$99,999 of the original SOG 3 request of \$359,207 for the Tule River Site Improvement Project. CSET reduced the original proposal at the request of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and was encouraged to submit the proposal for the remaining amount. The twice a month clean ups, a vital component of the proposal, was cut as well as \$40,000 for large clean up events, evaluations and graffiti mapping. These components will strengthen the health of the Tule River watershed with the innovative solutions designed by Community Services & Employment Training (CSET), a local conservation corps, the United States Forest Service (USFS) and WildPlaces.

These partners have collaborated to bring to bear their distinct expertise and resources to decrease river and associated land pollution through the proposed clean ups, evaluations and graffiti mapping with the permanent recycling options and education. Both WildPlaces and the Tulare County Youth Corps (TCYC) are experienced in providing experiential learning opportunities and job training. Their expertise will benefit this project by teaching corpsmembers to map graffiti along the river using GIS technology, while weaving in gang prevention strategies. Routine clean ups and reliable opportunities for recycling will reduce trash and contamination of the river. Education that targets the specific needs of the river's diverse users will mobilize stakeholders and garner the community support needed to sustain the enhancements achieved by this project. All elements of this project will be easily adaptable and replicable to other forests and agencies resulting in long-term benefits.

Budget Summary

Anticipated Funding Committed	\$ 83,319
In-Kind Services Committed	\$ 67,609
<u>SNC Grant Request</u>	<u>\$198,528</u>
Total	\$349,456